

Even if you reduce it to \$3.5 by taking out the early retirement, which is the logical thing to do, we are still talking \$3.5 million. In LB 994, a progressive piece of education work that carries out the work of a very hard-working task force, that is a million nine. And we just got done, and this was a hard one for me, I just voted against a bill that I really cared about and that was the child dependent. It was about a million dollars for an eminently worthwhile proposition but in my own mind's eye I said, no, the million dollars for the Ribicoff kids in 1127 is a more important million dollars to spend on behalf of children. We've got an \$800,000 homestead exemption package that Don Eret has been running to put the three homestead listings into one simply administered, easily run package. That is a good bill. Now we've got a lot more good bills, but we are running out of money pretty quickly. Just with what I have told you about we are talking over \$10 million of the \$15 million we have to play with. We are talking about less than \$4 million for every other A bill and those other A bills include the state claims which we have to pay, the tax intercept for child support, the quarter of a million dollars we just spent for the veterans aid fund. Even if we reduce by half the telecommunications bill, that is a quarter of a million dollars. We have the maternal infant care package and the child care licensing package and that comes into over \$250,000. What I am telling you is, it is the time now for the Legislature to show restraint. We did it on the veto overrides. We made our choices for state operations, but now is the time for us to show some restraint and to lay a package in front of the Governor built on our assumptions, not his, those assumptions being cash lapsing and a 4 percent reserve rate and what that means is putting real need ahead of the desired wish lists that are there. And I would suggest to you that the Ribicoff kids are more important than the kids that face a college education that they may help...may be able to get on their own by working hard or having a job, by working nights, by getting a scholarship, by slowing down the time that it takes for them to get through college by going part time to match it with a job or whatever. But for me, this is an expendable item. I oppose the Kahle amendment because it makes this package more palatable and while I agree with